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Provider Notice 04 – 02

TO: Patient 1st Primary Medical Providers (PMPs)

RE: Termination of the Patient 1st Program

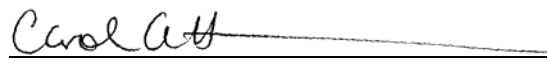
Effective February 29, 2004, the Patient 1st Program will be terminated. Patients will no longer be assigned to PMPs effective March 1, 2004. Claims with dates of services prior to March 1, 2004, will still require the necessary Patient 1st referral information. Patients are being notified through a recipient notice. The back of this letter contains a copy of the recipient notice.

Case management fees for February will be paid and PMPs will receive their patient lists. Assignments however will not be made for March 2004, nor will changes be accepted for patients wishing to change their PMP. If you have a patient who needs to be dismissed from your panel for the month of February, please contact the Agency for reassignment.

The termination of the Patient 1st Program does not affect recipient benefit limits. Patients should be told at each visit whether their Medicaid will be accepted for that visit. If a service is noncovered, the recipient should be notified prior to the service being rendered that he or she will be responsible for the payment.

The Agency has posted “Frequently Asked Questions” on its website at www.medicaid.state.al.us to help PMPs and other providers transition out of the Patient 1st Program.

Your agreement for participation will terminate February 29, 2004. Thank you for your participation, contributions and efforts as a Primary Medical Provider. This change is necessary to due Agency fiscal constraints. If you have any questions, please contact the Agency’s Customer Service Unit at 1-800-362-1504.


Carol A. Herrmann, Commissioner

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